

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, and 11 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 10 are now amended. Claims 2, 4, 6-9, and 12-15 are now cancelled. The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not present new subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

TITLE/SPECIFICATION

The Office Action objects to the title as not being clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant now amends the title to recite, "A Multi-Gap Type Transflective Liquid Crystal Display Including A Resin Layer With Tapers Of Different Angles."

The amended title is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection to the title be reconsidered and withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant now amends Claim 10 to delete the reference to a substrate in Claim 1 and overcome this Section 112 rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Section 112 rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Okamoto et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,563,554). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is now amended to recite, in part and with reference to Figures 1 and 3c for exemplary purposes only as the invention includes numerous embodiments, a resin layer 10 provided on at least one of the substrates of the pair of substrates in both a display region [area in which transparent electrodes 2a oppose transparent electrodes 2b] and a peripheral region x outboard of the display region, the resin layer including tapers with a larger inclination in the display region at β than in the peripheral region at α and an electrode wiring formed between the electro-optical material and the resin layer at both the display region and the peripheral region.

The Okamoto et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 1, an electro-optical device having an insulating film 11 covered with an alignment film 3. Both the insulating film 11 and the alignment film 3 appear to be confined to a display region in which electrodes 7 oppose electrode 6. It does not appear as though the insulating film 11 or the alignment film 3 extend beyond the display region to a peripheral region about the display region.

The Okamoto et al. reference fails to disclose or suggest a resin layer provided on at least one substrate of a pair of substrates in both a display region and a peripheral

region outboard of the display region, the resin layer including tapers with a larger inclination in the display region than in the peripheral region and an electrode wiring formed between the electro-optical material and the resin layer at both the display region and the peripheral region, as set forth in amended Claim 1.

Therefore, the Okamoto et al. reference fails to anticipate or render obvious amended Claim 1 and those claims dependent therefrom.

Amended Claim 10 recites, in part and with reference to Figures 1 and 3c for exemplary purposes only as the invention includes numerous embodiments, an electro-optical device comprising an electrode 2b that continuously extends across the resin layer 10.

The Okamoto et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 1, an insulating film 11 and electrodes 7 that extend only across a portion of the insulating film 11. The Okamoto et al. reference fails to disclose or suggest an electro-optical device comprising an electrode that continuously extends across a resin layer, as recited in amended Claim 10.

Therefore, the Okamoto et al. reference fails to anticipate or render obvious amended Claim 10 and those claims dependent therefrom.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 102 rejection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 is dependent upon amended Claim 1. As set forth above, amended Claim 1 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited art. Therefore, Claim 5 is also not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited art at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 1.

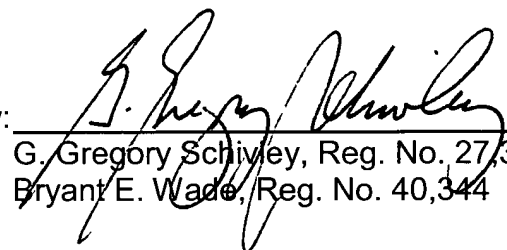
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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